

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12. Please add new claims 14-23.

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) Method of manufacturing a loudspeaker having a front-mounted sealing element adapted for sealing against a wall, comprising:

providing a loudspeaker having at least one of a front end face, a frame adapter and a cover grille, and

molding a thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) sealing element to at least one of the front end face, the frame adapter or the cover grille,

thereby providing an acoustic seal between the loudspeaker and the wall in an installed position of the loudspeaker.

14. (New) A holder for a speaker to be mounted in a motor vehicle, the holder comprising:

a frame adapter configured to receive the speaker;

the frame adapter having at least one front end wall configured to support the frame adapter on a part of the motor vehicle;

at least one sealing element arranged on the at least one front end wall and configured to seal a mounting space provided within the motor vehicle for receiving the speaker;

where the at least one sealing element has a wall portion positioned on the at least one front end wall;

where the at least one sealing element has a wall section projecting radially outwardly from the wall portion and having a part-circular cross-section; and

where the wall section rests elastically deformed against a sidewall of the mounting space

of the motor vehicle to seal the mounting space.

15. (New) The holder according to claim 14, where the frame adapter is cup-shaped and has an open end.

16. (New) The holder according to claim 15, where the at least one front end wall surrounds the open end.

17. (New) The holder according to claim 16, where the at least one front end wall projects radially from the open end.

18. (New) The holder according to claim 15, where the at least one sealing element is a sealing ring circumferentially arranged about the frame adapter.

19. (New) The holder according to claim 14, where the wall section projects radially outwardly past the at least one front end wall.

20. (New) The holder according to claim 14, where the frame adapter consists of plastic material.

21. (New) The holder according to claim 14, where the at least one sealing element consists of thermoplastic elastomer.

22. (New) The holder according to claim 21, where the thermoplastic elastomer is comprised of a poly-carbodiimide polymer or a SEBS material.

23. (New) A method for manufacturing a holder according to claim 14, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a frame adapter; and
- b) injection-molding the sealing element onto the frame adapter so that the sealing element is fixed molded onto the frame adapter.